Royalty for mining of Lignite at Neyveli

2400. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the royalty for mining of Lignite at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu was taken several years in advance by the Government of Tamil Nadu during 1996—01.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the royalty for Lignite due to be given to Tamil Nadu as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) During March 2001, an advance of Rs. 250 crore was paid to Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) subject to adjustment in subsequent years. The advance of Rs. 250 crore has been adjusted as under:

Particulars of Royalty adjusted	Rs. in crore
2000-01	6.05
2001-02	91.85
2002-03	93.12
2003-04	58.98
Total	250.00

(c) No arrear of royalty is due for payment to Government of Tamil Nadu.

Illegal occupation of SECL land

†2401. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the persons who have illegally occupied the SECL. land in Ghevra/Dipika area alongwith the area thereof; and

(b) the action taken by SECL to get the land vacated?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.